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SUBJECT:PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: POSSIBLE CREDENTIALS
PROBLEMS

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1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF THE LAW

OF WAR CONFERENCE, WHO IS THE NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR, TOLD US CONFIDENTIALLY FEBRUARY 6 THAT THE COUNTRIES LISTED BELOW MAY HAVE A CREDENTIALS PROBLEMS. THESE ARE ALL COUNTRIES THAT VOTED IN FAVOR ON ONE OR MORE BALLOTS DURING CONSIDERATION OF PRG ISSUE. IT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE HIGHLY DAMAGING TO HAVE ANY OF THESE CREDENTIALS SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED.

2. APPARENTLY NONE OF THESE IS A MAJOR PROBLEM, FOR ALL HAVE BEEN PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED ON THE BASIS OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE DELEGATES RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. IN SOME CASES, THE PROBLEM MAY SIMPLY BE A CARRY-OVER FROM LAST YEAR, FOR CERTAIN DELEGATIONS HAD NOT STRAIGHTENED OUT THEIR CREDENTIALS PAPERWORK WHEN THE FIRST SESSION ENDED. OTHER CASES MAY INVOLVE NEW DELEGATES REPLACING THOSE ACCREDITED LAST YEAR.

3. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE SUGGEST THAT THE EMBASSIES IN THESE COUNTRIES MAKE LOW-KEY APPROACHES TO THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS, IN WHATEVER MANNER IS DEEMED MOST APPROPRIATE, TO INSURE THAT THE PROPER FORMAL LETTER OF ACCREDITATION ARE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (ALTERNATIVELY, EMBASSY MAY SEE IF GVN MISSION IN POST WILL MAKE APPROACH.) IN EACH CASE, THE LETTER MUST BE SIGNED BY EITHER THE HEAD OF STATE, THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER. IT SHOULD SPECIFY THAT THE PERSON OR THE PERSONS DESIGNATED AS REPRESENTATIVES ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT THE COUNTRY, AND IT SHOULD NAME THESE PERSONS. THE LETTER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.

4. THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED ARE THE FOLLOWING:
ARGENTINA, CHAD, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, HAITI, ICELAND, IVORY COAST, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, OMAN, SOUTH KOREA, TURKEY.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON FEBRUARY 12 TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF THIS
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MATTER. THUS, THERE IS TIME TO CLEAR UP ALL THESE PROBLEMS IF ACTION IS DONE QUICKLY. DALE

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